

# THE CALL TO FOLLOW CHRIST

Matthew 4:18-22  
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## INTRO:

A world with so people to follow.

### A. THE DEFINITION OF FOLLOWING CHRIST

1. **Followers** focus on the direction (Matthew 8:18-22)
2. **Disciples** focus on the teaching (Matthew 28:19-20)
3. Following **behind** focus on having a relationship (Matthew 4:19)

### B. THE INVITATION OF FOLLOWING CHRIST

1. An understanding of the **head** (v. 19a)
2. A transformation of the **heart** (v. 19b)
3. The mission of the **hands** (v. 19c)

### C. THE ACTION FOR FOLLOWING CHRIST

1. The disciples responded **immediately** (v. 20)
2. The disciples responded **sacrificially** (v. 21-22a)
3. The disciples responded **wholeheartedly** (v. 22b)

## CONCLUSION

Where do I currently stand in my relationship with Christ, and what steps can I take to grow deeper in faith?

## LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

### ICEBREAKER

Have you ever been asked to follow someone's lead in an important situation (e.g., job, team, mentorship)? How did you respond?

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

#### A. The Call to Follow Jesus (v. 18-19)

1. Jesus approached these fishermen while they were at work. What does this tell us about how and when Jesus calls people?
  2. How does Jesus' invitation to "Follow Me" differ from simply believing in Him?
  3. What do you think Jesus meant when He said, "I will make you fishers of men"?
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#### B. The Response of the Disciples (v. 20-22)

4. The disciples responded immediately and left everything behind to follow Jesus.
    - What does this teach us about obedience?
    - What are some things that hold people back from following Jesus wholeheartedly?
  5. James and John left their father and their family business to follow Jesus.
    - How can following Christ require sacrifice in our personal lives today?
    - Have you ever experienced a moment where following Jesus required you to give something up?
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#### C. Application & Personal Reflection

6. Where do you see yourself in your walk with Christ today?
  7. What steps can you take this week to follow Jesus more closely?
  8. How can our group encourage one another in responding to Christ's call?
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### REFLECTION & PRAYER

Thank God for calling us to follow Him. Ask for courage to respond immediately and wholeheartedly. Pray for strength to let go of anything that hinders deeper commitment.